Subject: Message #12: Request for Partner Teachers: ADE and Code.org Partnership for Computer Science Training
Date: April 14, 2015
To: adecurriculum@lists.state.ar.us
From: Arkansas Department of Education Curriculum and Instruction Unit

Dear Arkansas Curriculum Leaders,

The Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) is pleased to announce that it is partnering with Code.org to offer professional development for Arkansas teachers interested in teaching computer science. ADE is requesting that Arkansas educators submit the names and contact information of teachers who have an interest in computer science instruction and the potential to deliver dynamic professional development. The number of spaces available is limited; therefore, these partner teachers should be able to both beneficially serve their schools as computer science instructors and potentially serve the state as future trainers of other Arkansas educators in the Code.org curriculum.

The training will begin on May 1, 2015 and requires both out-of-state travel and online training over a period of 15 months. Travel expenses will be funded through ADE.

Tentative Outline of Training Commitments
   Phase 1: Online Introduction
   - approximately 2 hours online training

   Phase 2: Blended Summer Study
   - 5 out-of-state consecutive training days
   - approximately 8 hours online training

   Phase 3: Academic Year Development
   - 4 out-of-state training days each occurring quarterly
   - approximately 12 hours online training

   Phase 4: Summer wrap-up
   - 3 out-of-state consecutive training days

Partner teachers will be required to teach a computer science course using the Code.org materials in the 2015-2016 school year. Additional agreement terms for the district, school, and teacher may be accessed at: http://goo.gl/DBEJ32

Please share this information with others that might be interested. Thank you for serving the students of Arkansas.

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Submissions of names and contact information can be made via the Google form found at: http://goo.gl/v6wVZM

Submissions should be made by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20th, 2015.

Please contact Anthony Owen at anthony.owen@arkansas.gov or 501-682-7816 for more information.

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